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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 20, 2008

This communication is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 20, 2008. This response is filed outside of the three (3) month shortened statutory period and, therefore, applicant's attorney believes a three (3) month extension of time is necessary, and the identified deposit account should be charged for the requisite amount of time. A Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is attached hereto.

Rejection by the examiner is based upon 35 USC §103(a) which states:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in Section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made. The examiner states the basis for rejection for obviousness is the reference of Riley U.S. Patent No. 5,925,348 ('348 Patent)